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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
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GEORGE F. FANTA ET AL.)
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Formation of Hydrophilic)
Polysaccharide Coatings on)
Hydrophobic Substrate)
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Serial No. 10/849,977)
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Filed May 20, 2004)

Group Art Unit 1711
Examiner M. D. Bissett

The Honorable
The Commissioner of Patents
Sir:

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

John H. Salch deposes and states:

1. That he is one of the coauthors of the publication entitled "Formation of Hydrophilic Starch Coatings on Polyethylene Films", Journal of Applied Polymer Science, Vol. 84, 1781-1788 (2002);

2. That he is familiar with the content of the above-identified application, and has reviewed the subject

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matter of Claims 1-17 and 28 currently of record in said application;

3. That he personally did not participate in the conception of the invention as defined by the claims referred to in (2);

4. That he is familiar with the content of U.S. Patent No. 6,709,763, and has reviewed the subject matter of Claims 1-23 thereof;

5. That he personally did not participate in the conception of the invention as defined by the claims referred to in (4);

6. That to the best of his knowledge, the inventions as defined by the claims referred to in (2) and (4) were first conceived by George F. Fanta and Frederick C. Felker;

7. That his role in work described in the publication referred to in (1) was one of engineering the coating of solubilized films onto polyethylene substrates as per the direction of Dr. Fanta;

8. That all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that

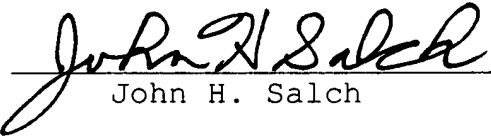
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John H. Salch